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The patents and publications listed AA, AB, AG and AI on Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report in counterpart Patent Application No. PCT/DE2004/002101. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Of the non-English documents listed on Form PTO-1449, document AC, U.S. Patent No. 4,471,404, corresponds to Document AE, Patent No. DE 33 28 967 C2. Document AD, U.S. Patent No. 4,028,043, corresponds to Document AF, Patent No. DE OS 25 31 139.

Documents AE and AF are cited in the instant specification on page 1.

With respect to DE 88 10 755, cited in the Search Report, no English translation is readily available. However, inasmuch as this document is cited as merely "defining the general state of the art", no translation has been obtained.

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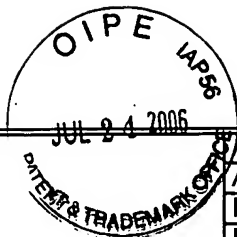
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NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of author in CAPS; title of article; title of book, magazine, journal etc.; date; page(s); volume/issue number(s); publisher; city and/country where published.

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